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METHOD FOR PREPARING SURFACE-MODIFIED SEMICONDUCTIVE AND METALLIC

NANOPARTICLES HAVING ENHANCED DISPERSIBILITY IN AQUEOUS MEDIA

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114 AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action in this case, a final Action mailed from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on April 25, 2005. Reconsideration of the application is requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein. A two-month extension of time is requested, and the required fee for the extension accompanies this response.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Listing of the Claims, which begins on page 2 of this document.

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